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to : Chairman and Commissioners

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From: Patty Reed
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Mar 10, 2003 4:53 PM
Subject: Congress demand FCC protect public media access

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Dear Commissioner Powell:

Numerous reports agree that the Federal Communications is planning to loosen longstanding rules governing control of the media that bring news and views to the American public. This will inevitably lead to monopoly, by a few large corporate giants, of TV stations, newspapers, and broadcast networks.

I urge you, Commissioner Powell, to halt immediately any implementation of these these FCC plans that threaten public access to diverse views and information.

Sincerely,

Patty Reed
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Columbia, MD 21044

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From: brett
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps. KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Mar 10. 2003 5:01 PM
Subject: say **NO** to media deregulation

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Dear sirs and madam:

As a writer and artist, as well as a US citizen, I have become increasingly concerned with the FCC's management of our public airwaves. To deregulate the media even further would be disastrous to our shared democratic values, and would represent a grave disservice to the American people.

I applaud Cornissioners Copps and Edelstein for their efforts to allow for public comment before the seemingly inevitable rush to corporate consolidation. I am greatly disappointed in Chairman Powell's transparent pandering to corporate interests, and I **feel** that his regrettable attempt to squelch public debate represents a betrayal of the public trust. I urge the FCC to preserve diversity, localism, and competition in media by saying NO to deregulation.

Sincerely,

Brett Hamil

Seattle, WA

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From: Z.F. Lively
To: Mike Powell. Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB. Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue. Mar 11, 2003 12:45 AM
Subject: Please say NO to Deregulation.

Dear sirs and madam.

As a radio board operator, on-air talent, and US citizen, I have become increasingly concerned with the FCC's management of our public airwaves. To deregulate the media any further would be disastrous to our shared democratic values, and would represent a grave disservice to the American people.

I would like to thank and commend Commissioners Copps and Edelstein for their efforts to allow for public comment before the seemingly inevitable rush to corporate consolidation. I am greatly disappointed in Chairman Powell's transparent pandering to corporate interests, and I feel that his regrettable attempt to squelch public debate represents a betrayal of the public trust. Media's vast popularity is due to its widespread scope and creativity, which would be quickly diminished should deregulation take hold. I sincerely urge the FCC to preserve diversity, localism, and competition in media by saying NO to deregulation.

With all hope, I am,

Zachary Lively

St Augustine, FL

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From: zveRina
To: Mike Powell, kabernath@fcc.gov. Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue. Mar 11, 2003 10:39 AM
Subject: Please Do Not Allow the Sovietization of US Media

To the Commissioners of the FCC:

My name is Robert Zverina. That is not a very American-sounding name, but then, what is? I am an American citizen by birth. born in Liberty, New York in 1969. My parents were political refugees from then-Czechoslovakia, a formerly democratic nation which fell under the Soviet sphere of influence after WWII.

After the infamous Soviet crackdown of August 1968. the Soviet regime allowed malcontents like my parents to leave the country but with the understanding that if they did so they may never return, under pain of imprisonment. My parents sacrificed their careers, possessions, Czech citizenship, and ties with friends and family in favor of a chance at life in a democracy.

What is happening in the United States today--the USA PATRIOT Act, the veiled Domestic Security Enhancement Act, and proposed media deregulation--is a betrayal of the ideals for which they sacrificed everything they knew and held dear. I am only glad that they are not alive to see this ongoing perversion of the Constitution, as I am sure it would have broken their hearts

As a concerned citizen with an ingrained respect for the United States Constitution and democratic ideals, I urge the FCC to preserve diversity, localism, and competition in media by saying NO to deregulation.

Thank you for your attention and for taking seriously your obligation to preserving democracy in the United States of America.

Yours truly,
Robert Zverina

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From: BillBrooks *****
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, mcopps%fcc.govkjmweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue. Mar 11, 2003 8:23 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Sirs and Ma'am,

I am VERY strongly opposed to the planned deregulation (read consolidation) of the media the variety and freedom of information that we experienced in the seventies has been greatly diminished since the first deregulation of the eighties. The only entities capable of acquiring multiple media outlets are the large corporations whose viewpoints are ruled by profits and notoriously conservative.

If these monopolies are allowed to further their agendas culture is homogenized and reduced to what is profitable, Information expressed is limited to what is best for the corporation.

Please, please, PLEASE do not continue to allow this to happen!

Please do not further deregulate the media!

Sincerely,
BillBrooks
Seattle, Washington

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From: David Williams
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, Mar 12, 2003 1:34 AM
Subject: Please keep rules that limit media ownership

FCC Commissioners,

Please don't scrap regulations that protect small, independent, and local media voices.

Please prevent media monopolies by keeping the rules in place that block companies from:

- Owning TV stations and newspapers in the same market.
- Controlling more than one broadcast network.
- Providing TV broadcast services to more than 35 percent of the nation.
- Owning more than eight radio stations in a single urban market.

Thank you,
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EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

From: Marv Finley
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri. Mar 14, 2003 1:22 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

Mary Finley
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March 14, 2003

Federal Communications Commission Chair Michael K. Powell
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Chair Powell:

The Federal Communications Commission is responsible for ensuring that the media serve the public interest. I am concerned that the FCC is acting on behalf of big business rather than the people.

It is clear that the FCC has stepped up its efforts to de-regulate the media and telecommunications industries. You must act now to halt further media consolidation and to preserve the openness and diversity of the Internet.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society. Ownership consolidation is squeezing out what little diversity remains in the marketplace.

The media are more than just a business: they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review any further regulations. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

Mary Finley

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

From: Ingrid Moore
To: Mike Powell, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, I
Date: Wed, Mar 19.2003 2 48 PM
Subject: Citizen Input on Ownership Regulations

Dear Sirs,

This is very intimidating. I want to provide my input as a citizen, but know that my voice will likely not be heard or noted, as I do not have any "influence" In addition, I know the subject that my opinion is regarding, but I don't know the exact terminology or name of the regulation. In any case, here is my "public input":

I feel very very strongly that it goes against the very mission of the FCC - the reason it was created - to rescind the rules regarding media ownership restrictions. To allow one entity to own over 37% share of a market could theoretically result in a majority of news/entertainment sources being presented by one interest. This is not just a theory, but is in all practicality happening today, even with the current regulations in place.

Already this influence is too pervasive. See "Networks Are Megaphones for Official Views " on the Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting website: www.fair.org.

This report is a striking view of how distorted our news sources are, and the incredible influence it has on public policy and opinion. I am having to work very hard to find independent news sources to listen to/watch, and they are scarce indeed. Depending upon what part of the country in which you live, independent news sources may be or are non-existent. When I listen to the BBC, or Pacifica Radio, or Free Speech Radio, then listen to "mainstream media". the difference in bias and tone is stark and alarming.

This is not allowing the public debate that our founding fathers intended, indeed decreed as vital, to democracy. The "oxygen" of democracy is the open expression of a variety of opinions. and rescinding this ownership rule will most assuredly snuff out the candle of democratic discourse.

Thank you for considering my views

Regards,

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EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

From: Rob Meyer
To: Mike Copps
Date: Wed, Mar 19, 2003 4 22 PM
Subject: Re Broadcast Regulation and Media Ownership Rules, FCC Hearings

Dear Commissioner Copps:

Thank you for the reply. I also e-mailed you directly through the F.C.C. website. I hope that message got to you.

These are issues of great importance to me, and many of the several score of friends, colleagues and family members whom I have shared correspondence with -- informed, educated people for the most part -- have responded saying they were unaware of the FCC's hearing(s) and upcoming contemplated actions. As I suspected, the overwhelming majority agrees with me that further media consolidation with no accountability is NOT in our best interests.

I do, indeed, hope to "tee up" a national dialogue on these issues, and would welcome any suggestions of how to further involve more people in the process. Again, thank you for your efforts, and for the reply.

Sincerely,

Rob Meyer. Seattle, WA

Mike Copps <mikecopps@fcc.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your message and your kind words about the Seattle hearing. I am very pleased to know of your involvement in the issue and that you are working to tee up a national dialogue on these important issues. Be assured of my continuing determination to do exactly that. Your involvement is appreciated.

>>> Rob Meyer 03/16/03 05:25PM >>>

Chairman Michael Powell, Commissioners Kathleen Abernathy and Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC

Dear Commissioners Abernathy, Martin and Powell:

I was fortunate enough to attend the FCC Field Hearing held at the University of Washington on Friday, March 7, 2003, a hearing which was held without your support, official recognition or funding by Chairman Powell. I have written Commissioners Adelstein and Copps to thank them for making the trip to Seattle and I for soliciting input from the public and several professional panels, as was done in Richmond last month. I have also written my Congressional Representative and Senators to urge them to oppose what the F.C.C. is doing.

Sadly, that earlier hearing severely limited public comment, and was held with next to no notice and minimal publicity. I ask that you publicize the next hearing, to be held at Duke University later this month, and that all five members of the FCC make the short trip to Durham. Currently, about three quarters of the American public are unaware that the Commission is considering a further relaxation -- or total elimination -- of longstanding rules and regulations concerning media ownership consolidation, and compliance with already weakened FCC rules and regs.

As a broadcast professional with two decades of experience, mostly in radio news but other media as well. I have opposed further loosening of media

regulation since the "genie first got out! of the bottle" (to paraphrase Commissioner Copps) during the Reagan Administration. I opposed the Telecom Act of 1996 which has led to unprecedented consolidation of broadcast property ownership. I have written my Senators and U.S. House Representative on these issues, and I am encouraging everyone I know to do the same, no matter which side of the issue they may prefer.

I also am asking everyone I know to join me in asking you to add hearings and attend them as a full commission, with proper notice and greater publicity. Chairman Powell has been quoted as saying that the 15,000 comments received prior to the Seattle hearing was sufficient public input. Since our nation has over a quarter of a billion citizens -- all media consumers for whom the FCC's actions have vital consequences and to whom the FCC is answerable -- I respectfully submit that 15,000 public comments is NOT representative, or complete.

The original charge of the Federal Communications Commission, to protect the Public Interest with reasonable oversight of telecommunications services and broadcast media, has been whittled away for over two decades. To consider the complete elimination of rules, regulations and requirements for those owning access to our Public Trust -- the public spectrum -- is, to me, unconscionable. Already, just four corporations control 85% of the AM and FM frequencies in Seattle. Other markets, smaller and larger, have even more extreme consolidation. The idea of "local content" in news, and other programming, is all but disappearing. Diversity of voices and thought, much less of ownership, is a thing of the past.

It is said that the Bush Administration and your Commission seek to loosen or eliminate reasonable regulation to let the "free market" work in the media marketplace. It has been shown by study upon study that "competition" has not increased; it has decreased in broadcasting and other media. The argument that the internet and cable television provide reasonable alternatives is false -- a handful of corporations control access to those services, and the number of providers is increasingly integrated into multi-media mega-corporations. It is your responsibility to ensure Diversity, Localism and Competition for media consumers, and to listen to those consumers.

I implore you to reach out to the 72% of Americans who are unaware of the Commission's plans, and I encourage you to seek major media coverage of the issue, which has been sorely lacking. Could that be because the owners of the major TV networks and other major media corporations are those who have lobbied you and the Bush Administration most strenuously to eliminate regulation? I think so. It is my belief that the vast majority of those whom you serve are dissatisfied with the current state of radio and television, the increasing homogeneity of programming, and an unchecked increase in vulgarity, obscenity and indecency on many airwaves and cable bands. Moreover, should they become informed of your plans, I believe the vast majority will join me in opposing unfettered amalgamation of media.

If your plan is to send the F.C.C. the way of the I.C.C., the C.A.B. and other governmental regulatory agencies, you are doing a major disservice to the citizens to whom you should answer, and to whom you should listen. Please listen to those who pay your salaries, the citizens who rely on you to protect their Public Interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rob Meyer. Seattle

cc: Cong. Jay Inslee. Cong. Jim McDermott, Interested Consumers

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Maria Cantwell. KM KJMWEB. Patty Murray, Mike Powell

From: Sondra Singer
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, Mar 20, 2003 12:13 AM
Subject: media deregulation issue

March 19, 2003

To: FCC Chairman Michael K Powell

Commissioners Kathleen Q Abernathy, Kevin J. Martin, Michael J. Copps

Dear Commissioner.

I have personally worked in radio for the better part of the last 23 years. I have never liked the idea of deregulation because I could foresee what would happen if a very few people controlled the media. The original reasoning behind ownership regulation was to defend the ideas of free speech and to assure that we, the public, received diverse opinions from our media sources.

What has happened in the past 11 years of deregulation of radio is that two companies control the vast majority of our stations. The "economies of scale" that they have put forth have caused our media to become homogenized. What's good for Los Angeles is good for Ft. Collins, Colorado. And, that simply isn't always true. Before deregulation, if there was a fire in town, you could find a local radio station to report it. Today, you generally can't find immediate local news. A consumer can't find out what is going on, unless it is part of a scheduled traffic report. Not only that, but opinions, once upon a time, were diverse. Today, they reflect the opinions of the managers who hire the personalities. I had to laugh, ironically, a few weeks ago, when a Clear Channel talk personality was defending Clear Channel, saying that he could voice whatever opinion he wanted. The reason I laughed was that they wouldn't have hired him in the first place if he didn't agree with their philosophies. Music is also being restricted by these large conglomerates. We Americans have many voices, but conglomerate ownership has one. This can hardly be deemed "broadcasting in the public interest." Plus, allowing companies like Clear Channel to also own concert promotion companies and other related businesses restricts free trade and favors their own media properties. This monopolizing of news and entertainment has got to stop!

We need to encourage independent ownership and diversity of programming. There was inherent wisdom in earlier FCC rulings that imposed strict limits on the amount of stations one company could own. The same may be said of FCC rules prohibiting one company from owning a broadcasting station and a newspaper in the same market.

The idea that the FCC may further loosen ownership rules is scary to me. The time has come to rescind the previous relaxations of these rules, to re-impose ownership limits, to reinstate rules requiring annual local programming assessments, and to force media behemoths like Clear Channel and Infinity to diversify their holdings.

To allow the most popular sources of news, information and entertainment to be owned by a small handful of people across the nation and in any one community is extremely dangerous for our democratic process.

Thank you,

Sondra Singer

Lakewood, Colorado

From: Kathy McNamara
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu. Mar 20, 2003 6:18 PM
Subject: Media Deregulation

Dear Mr. Copps

It has come to my attention that the current push to deregulate the media is something to which you are opposed. I share your opposition and wonder if you could provide me with information that would help me understand the problem better and work to fight the continued consolidation of media companies

In the land of the free and the home of the brave I believe we can be neither if we do not have access to all the information.

Sincerely,
Kathleen McNamara
714 1st Ave N.
Seattle, WA 98109

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From: Sarah Dillon
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri. Mar 21, 2003 11:10 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

Dear Commissioner:

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Commissioner, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

Sarah Elizabeth Dillon
P O Box 487
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From: stephanieswanson@cwnet.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Mar 21, 2003 1:53 PM
Subject: monopoly in the media

Dear Mr. Copps, I am very concerned about the monopoly in the media. The phone company was broke up when it became a monopole. It doesn't shape public opinion like the media does. I have concerns that with the limited ownership we the public will not have access to more than one opinion. I don't want to be dumbed down. I want to be able to make informed decisions not the decision someone else thinks I should make. Please do something about this, to keep our freedom in this country. Thank you.
Stephanie Swanson

From: Nathan Hawks
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB. Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Mar 22, 2003 12:37 AM
Subject: Stop media conglomeration!

Ma'ams and Sirs;

You need to tighten, not loosen, restrictions on media buy-ups!

Do not loosen rules on media conglomeration!

Nathan Hawks
7056 Ponce de Leon Ave #3A
Jacksonville. FL 32217

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From: kerry Hart
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Mar 22, 2003 3:15 AM
Subject: Do NOT Deregulate the Media

You guys have to know **this** would take any last semblance of fairness from the American media. As much as power and money motivate many these days, do any of us really want to live in the old Soviet Union? Of course, things are already going in that direction, as far as the U.S. newscorp goes. If it ultimately happens, I think it may backfire and outlet after outlet will die on the vine as Americans, who probably aren't quite as stupid as some people think, wise up to what's happening and abandon tv & print news for the Internet.

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps. KM KJMWEB. Commissioner Adelstein

From: Frank Brown
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Mar 22, 2003 5:33 PM
Subject: deregulation feedback

FCC Chairman and Commissioners:

Just a quick note to let you know I am opposed to the media deregulation proposal. I believe we (the american public) need more diversity of opinion, not less. Deregulation would further stifle the already scant diversity seen on the airwaves. I believe my government should try to strengthen democracy, rather than stifle it. Which means we should prevent a handful of large media giants from dominating. OK?

Thank you for your consideration

-Frank Brown
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

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To: Kathleen Abernathy
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John William Younce

From: Julie Kerssen
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps. KM KJMWEB, Commissione
Adelstein
Date: Sat, Mar 22, 2003 10:20 PM
Subject: Docket #02-277

Commissioners:

I am writing to strongly urge you to retain the current rules regulating the media (re: docket #02-277). Media consolidation and monopoly is already a serious problem in this country, and the quality of information received by the public has suffered as a result. Comparing our media to that of other western countries makes the problem quite clear. Please help promote competition, diversity, and localism by not changing the rules to make mergers and monopoly even more likely

Sincerely,

Julie Kerssen
1911 N. 46th Street #302
Seattle, WA 98103

From: Sarah
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat. Mar 22, 2003 10:24 PM
Subject: I oppose the dereg of media

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Date: Sun, Mar 23, 2003 2:04 AM
Subject: stop media consolidation!!

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From: dean mogelgaard
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Mar 23, 2003 5:31 AM
Subject: Deregulation

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Sincerely yours, Dean Mogelgaard, Clearwater Florida

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From: Denise Andersen
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Mar 23, 2003 1:43 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

Denise Andersen
332 Sierra Place NE
Albuquerque, NM 87108-1139

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From: MojainColorado@netscape.net
 To: Michael Copps
 Date: Mon, Mar 24, 2003 11:25AM
 Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Mr Copps,

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From: Marcia Z. Dunetz
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue. Mar 25, 2003 1:52 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

Marcia Z. Dunetz
180 Sterling Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217-3300

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cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
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Representative Mike Honda

From: JRHENNEKES333@cs.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Mar 25, 2003 5:43 PM
Subject: Media Monopoly

Commissioner Copps

I share your concerns regarding the monopoly now on U.S. media. .and the pur increase it. Those who control the news control the minds of the masses. We all need to halt any form of dictatorship.

Sincerely,

J R. Hennekes
Cincinnati, OH

From: Mark Smith
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Mar 25, 2003 9:02 PM
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To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 1:01 AM
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From: John Petric
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Mar 14, 2003 4:06 PM
Subject: Reject the Bells' Monopoly Bid

Chairman Michael K. Powell, et.al.
Federal Communications Commission
445 SW 12th Street
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioners

Elimination of competitive access to wholesale phone networks will do nothing but kill the not yet here, and much anticipated local competition, and leave consumers with the worst of both worlds, an unregulated monopoly.

Please reject the Bell's self serving proposals to eliminate the UNE-Ps, which would pave the way for a bigger, meaner phone monopoly unrestrained by regulatory oversight.

Verizon's director of governmental affairs, Sean M. Looney, told the Maryland House Economic Matters Committee in Annapolis that federal regulators are expected to approve Verizon's plan next week. Verizon, the dominant local carrier in the state, said that if the plan is approved it will also be allowed to provide long-distance service.

A similar plan went into effect in Virginia recently, where for about \$50 a month a residential customers may make unlimited calls to anywhere in the state, the continental U.S. and Canada, Mr. Looney said.

Mr. Looney appeared before the Committee to oppose the two Maryland State bills, House Bill 898, IntraCounty and Adjacent Local Calling, and House Bill 899. Countywide Local Calling, that seek to fix local telephone calling area problems and would require phone companies to provide toll-free service on all calls within the same county or calls between a point in one county and another point within 40 miles of that county's geographical area or whichever is larger, a measure that has long been supported by some area residents.

Please, DO NOT approve the monopolistic Verizon's request for long distance service until it divests itself of the monopoly control in continues to hold in the tri-state region plus. Selling inter-connection agreements is not "competition." Not close, not by even a mile. Prices with Verizon keep going up and nothing is here to keep the restraints in check.

Your expedited cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely

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